

7 February 2012

Meeting Minutes

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Conference Call – Commenting on the National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan

This publicly noticed meeting began at 4:00 p.m. EDT

ATTENDEES

MAFAC Committee Members: Keith Rizzardi (Chair), Patty Doerr, Phil Dyskow, Julie Morris, Dave Wallace, Tony Chatwin, Martin Fisher

NOAA Staff: Mark Holliday, Joshua Stoll, Jim McCallum, Kara Runsten

No members of the public chose to attend.

Summary

Three main items to address:

1. Discuss comments to submit on the draft National Ocean Policy (NOP) Implementation Plan
2. Discuss comments for the draft National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy
3. Discuss whether to extend the term of the Recreational Fisheries Working Group

It was pointed out that comments were received from Paul Clampitt on NOP plan. There was also a summary from Patty Doerr on second item.

On item 1, a draft set of comments was circulated by Keith Rizzardi for discussion at this meeting. It was decided:

MAFAC will provide comments on the draft National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan. These comments will emphasize:

1. Need for a greater emphasis on living marine resources and their habitat, in conjunction with the fishery and aquaculture industries.
2. Recommendation that the above get its own section in the NOP implementation plan, directly after the specification of the national goals.

Numerous editorial changes were suggested. Chair Keith Rizzardi and Mark Holliday's office were designated to revise the comments as agreed upon and send them around to the rest of MAFAC for final clearance. The deadline for comments is February 27, 2012.

On item 2, it was decided:

MAFAC will not provide comments on the draft National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy.

On item 3, it was decided:

The terms for the Recreational Fisheries Working Group members will be extended until June 30, 2012, from the previous expiration date of March 20, 2012. The issue of whether to keep the group or not and what tasks it could be assigned will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm EDT.